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1. Cyprus

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In
Cyprus, the security situation remains
generally quiet. 50X1

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There have been no major develop-
ments on the diplomatic front.

In Ankara, leaders of the former
government now in opposition say they
believe the present crisis is "somewhat
artificial." They say they are puzzled
by the Urguplu government's "sudden"
moves to raise tension to the critical
point.

The Greek ambassador to Moscow--
formerly close to Turkish Foreign Min-
ister Isik--is being transferred to
Ankara. Athens may hope that this ges-
ture will help matters. There is no
indication that Athens is any more in-
terested in bilateral talks with the
Turks than before.

2. Argentina

As expected, rumblings of dissatis-
faction among the military are begin-
ning to be heard as a consequence of the
substantial Peronist gains in last week's
congressional elections.

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Of the 53 seats now held or con-
trolled by the various Peronist parties,
36 are held by personal followers of
Juan Peron.

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3. Vietnam

Communist military activity during the past few days has been considerably lighter than previously. Such lulls occur from time to time in the normal cycle of Viet Cong activity, and it is not clear what significance this present lessening of action may have.

Viewed against the perspective of the past six weeks, Viet Cong activity reached a peak during the week of 20-27 February. Since that time there has been a gradual reduction in the number of Viet Cong incidents as reported weekly. In the past, such declines in the cycle of activity have been followed by renewed bursts of intensity.

In Saigon, there have been no new developments on the political scene.

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Soviet party leader Brezhnev in a speech today said the Soviet Government is receiving "applications" from Soviet citizens expressing their willingness to "take part in" North Vietnam's struggle. The propaganda effect of this remark was of course intentional, but this is the closest the Soviets have yet come to raising the possibility of sending "volunteers" to Vietnam.

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4. Congo

The Sudanese are again involved in supporting the Congolese rebels. Two Egyptian transport aircraft arrived at Juba in the Sudan on 21-22 March, presumably carrying more arms destined for the Congolese rebels. The last such flights occurred in early February. There are also indications that arms arrived in the southern Sudan by rail earlier this month.

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an exchange of fire with Congolese forces occurred on the frontier at Mahagi last Friday. The Ugandans said the Congolese had crossed over, but this is not confirmed. (See map.)

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